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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 7513

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITREP 1200 JUNE 30

REF: ADDIS 7509

1. MORNING JUNE 30 ADDIS CONTINUES OUTWARDLY CALM AND NORMAL.
NO INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMCITS.

2. MILITARY ANNOUNCED CURFEW 1100-0600 BEGINNING EVENING
JUNE 29 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SO IT COULD "CONTINUE MOVEMENT
BEGUN LAST FEBRUARY."

3. LENGTHY LIST OF PERSONS TO BE ARRESTED WAS COMPLETED BY
MILITARY GROUP EARLY EVENING JUNE 29. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL RPT
ALL SECURITY FORCES IN ADDIS AREA AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS ACTION.
THERE ARE CONFLICTING REPORTS OF DEGREE OF SUPPORT BY OTHER
BRANCHES, NOTABLY THIRD DIVISION (HARAR) AND SECOND DIVISION
(ASMARA). MILITARY BEGAN ARRESTS UNDER COVER OF CURFEW AND
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APPARENTLY CONTINUED INTO MORNING. SPORADIC RIFLE FIRE,

INDICATED POSSIBLE SCATTERED RESISTANCE.

3. LIST REPORTEDLY INCLUDES CREAM OF AMHARAN NOBILITY SUCH AS RAS ASRATE KASSA, RAS MESFIN SILESHI, RAS ANDERGACHEW MESAY, THE INKIE SELASSIE BROTHERS, ISKINDER DESTA AND THE "OLD GUARD" GENERALS. ONLY PRESENT CABINET MINISTER REPORTEDLY ON LIST IS MOD ABIYE ABEBE.

4. AS OF MORNING JUNE 30, WE STILL HAVE AN EMPEROR (WHO WENT TO CHURCH AS USUAL), A PRIME MINISTER AND A CABINET (MINUS MOD). MILITARY, HOWEVER, CLEARLY IN CONTROL AND AT MOMENT ARE CALLING ALL THE SHOTS. ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES OF CURRENT ACTION BY MILITARY NOT YET CLEAR.
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